



JOE FOSS
GOVERNOR

PIERRE

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes is facing a bigger task in 1955, even as the prospect of freedom from polio's threat looms brighter than ever before; and

WHEREAS, this humanitarian program is now undertaking the task of protecting healthy South Dakota children as well as providing care for the polio-stricken here and across the nation; and

WHEREAS, the most hopeful aspect of this bold program is the purchase by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis of 9,000,000 doses of polio vaccine now being manufactured for use if licensed; and

WHEREAS, the added cost of this vaccine, in addition to the millions needed for patient aid, for scientific research and for professional education financed by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis amounts to \$64,000,000; and

WHEREAS the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis is morally obligated to continue its aid to polio victims of previous years and to those unnumbered thousands who will be stricken in the future because any vaccine will come too late for them;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joe Foss, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the month of January, 1955, as

"MARCH OF DIMES MONTH"

and ask for the enlightened generosity of every citizen, so that a worthwhile cause may be continued and a great humanitarian victory hastened.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this 5th day of January, 1955.

ATTEST:

Governor

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Secretary of State

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